

—Rev. A. W. H. Chowne. Nomination for Algoma. —Rev. R. Renison.

On motion the Bishop was asked to appoint, without nomination, the Rural Deans of Nipissing, Thunder Bay and Manitoulin Island.

When, on the first day, the council adopted the report of the Standing Committee, it approved of the recommendation in clause six that all standing committees or boards be composed of members, half of whom shall be settled by the council and the other half appointed by the Bishop. Therefore there were but three members to elect to that committee. The choice fell on Ven. Archdeacon Llywd, Rev. Rural Dean Machin and Mr. G. S. Wilgress.

The last half-hour of the session disposed of several questions. Without debate the report of the Committee on Clerical Meetings was adopted. A motion thanking the several diocesan branches of the W.A. for the substantial support rendered to the diocese was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The report of the Rural Dean of Nipissing, which was praised by several voices in the council, was adopted, and at 12.30 p.m. the council adjourned.

Sharp at 2 o'clock the Bishop called the meeting to order. He said there was a good deal of business yet to be done. If it could not be disposed of that day it would be impossible to have the "quiet day" which some clergy had requested. It was necessary that such occasions for devotion and meditation be altogether free from business matters.

Having disposed of the report of the Committee on Thanks, the council plunged into a lively discussion on dancing. It was evoked by a motion of Rev. A. R. Mitchell, who strongly advocated that there be no dancing in connection with Church entertainments. The sense of the meeting may be fairly summed up by saying that it did not condemn dancing *per se*, or amidst home surroundings, but pronounced most strongly against public dances, common to many sections of the country, which were fruitful too often in injury and were a grave menace to the morals of the neighbourhood.

At this stage Rev. Mr. Machin asked that the rules of order be suspended to allow of his submitting a resolution expressive of the sympathy of the council with Rev. M. C. Kirby, who was compelled to sever his connection with Algoma, and to remain in England because his wife's health had broken down during her residence in Thunder Bay Deanery, where Mr. Kirby had worked for ten years. Permission was at once accorded, and the motion, seconded by Rev. W. Evans, was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Before the order of business was returned to a motion was carried tendering the thanks of the council to Rev. A. J. Young for his past services as secretary of the council.

Next came a motion of which due notice had been given. It reads thus: That the

Bishop be requested to convey the congratulations of this Triennial Council of the Diocese of Algoma to His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario on the occasion of his ministerial jubilee. Very appropriately it was moved and seconded by Rev. Messrs. Smitheman and Atkinson, gentlemen who had worked under the Archbishop before coming to this diocese. When the motion was put from the chair its hearty adoption was made manifest by all present rising to their feet.

There has always been a difficulty in the selection of members of the Standing Committee. It has always been composed of members who, with one exception, have lived in the eastern part of the diocese. A sentiment has existed in the West on this account. To meet it the Archdeacon submitted a resolution which recited the fact of the disadvantage of distance, necessitating great cost in meeting, and proposing that the committee be composed of twelve instead of six members, and that it be divided into two equal sections—one eastern, one western—the dividing line to be drawn at Sudbury Junction, which point should be considered in the eastern section. The resolution carried. Then it was necessary to elect members for the West—the previous election in the morning having elected eastern men. The ballot resulted in the election of Rev. Rural Deans Thursby and Renison, and Mr. H. Plummer.

After ordering the proceedings of the council to be printed in pamphlet form came the decision concerning the place where the council of 1901 should be held. Huntsville was proposed, then Sault Ste. Marie, then North Bay. A vote decided against the latter, when Port Arthur was put forward and, to the surprise of some, carried.

It was found impossible to conclude the business at this session, but before concluding for the day a motion was unanimously adopted thanking Rev. C. Piercy for valuable services to the cause of the Church in Algoma by his work as editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS.

The Bishop, before pronouncing the Benediction, said that he would announce in the morning his appointments on the Standing Committee.

#### FOURTH DAY—JUNE 3RD.

As on other mornings the business of the day was preceded by a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 o'clock, and Morning Prayer at 9 o'clock. Immediately after the latter service the Bishop took the chair and read prayers.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the following resolution was submitted:

Moved by Ven. Archdeacon Llywd, seconded by Rev. James Boydell, That this council begs respectfully to suggest that lay readers and catechists at present at work in the diocese, or who hereafter shall be admitted to work, shall be licensed thereto by the Bishop and inducted to their office and sphere and work by a service which shall be approved by

the Bishop, and that such license—in accordance with the canon of the Provincial Synod—may be annulled at the discretion of the incumbent.

This motion, which was carried *nem. con.*, drew speeches from a number of clergy who had experienced trouble on account of the want of proper understanding, on the part of some persons, that lay readers were, under the canon referred to, amenable to the incumbent of the mission where they served. The Bishop, too, reminded the council that, in his charge, he had required that all lay readers should possess his license. The request was made and agreed to that the matter be referred to in our columns.

The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the council to the S.P.C.K., the S.P.G., the C.C.C.S., and to A. H. Campbell, Esq., and to the W.A.

The Bishop announced the following appointments on the Standing Committee: For the East—Rev. J. Boydell, Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, and Mr. A. A. Mahaffy. For the West—Rev. F. Frost, Rev. A. J. Young, and Mr. F. H. Keefer.

At this stage of the proceedings the Archdeacon of Algoma rose and read to the Bishop the following address, all present at once rising and remaining standing until after the Bishop's reply.

To the Right Reverend George Thorneoloe, D.D., D.C.L., Lord Bishop of Algoma:

We, the clergy and lay delegates assembled in council, desire to express to your Lordship our sincere congratulations upon your accession to the headship of the diocese and to welcome you most heartily as our bishop.

We feel that you have taken hold of the administrative work of the Church of Christ in this diocese with a wise and firm hand.

We are encouraged by your kind treatment of all and by your courteous and skillful conduct of our deliberations to feel every confidence in your apostolic leadership, and we trust that you may long be spared to continue your labors so auspiciously begun.

Dated at North Bay this third day of June, A.D., 1898.

On behalf of the council the above was signed by Ven. Archdeacon Llywd, Revs. A. W. H. Chowne, C. J. Machin, and A. J. Cobb, and by Messrs. Plummer, Wilgress, and Purvis.

The address was supplemented by short speeches by the Archdeacon and by Mr. Purvis.

It was evident that the Bishop was taken by surprise. His reply was a short one and began in a manner that showed he was much moved by the incident. He sincerely reciprocated the kindly feelings that had been expressed.

It was nearly noon when the minutes of this, the last session, were read and confirmed, and the council of 1898 came to an end with the blessing by the Bishop.

#### Algoma Diocesan W.A.

A meeting of representatives of the parochial branches of the Algoma W.A. was held in the vestry of St. John's Church, North Bay, on Wednesday after-